

EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN COMMANDANT GENERAL, ROYAL MARINES AND CHIEF CONSTABLE ROYAL MARINE POLICE.

The following messages have been exchanged between the Commandant General, Royal Marines and the Chief Constable Royal Marine Police :-

"27th September, 1949.

The merger of the Royal Marine Police in the Admiralty Constabulary will bring to an end their long and close connection with the Royal Marines. Twenty seven years ago the formation and organisation of the Royal Marine Police was entrusted to the Corps. Since then many members of the Corps have served in the force and the administration of the latter has been the responsibility of CGRM and his predecessors.

It is with regret that we of the Royal Marines witness the passing of such a long association, but it is also a matter of pride to us that the Admiralty Constabulary have included in their new badge the laurel wreath, a symbol which means so much to us.

We wish success to the Officers and Other Ranks of the Royal Marine Police in their new role, with the knowledge that they will take with them those high traditions which our two services have for so long cherished in common.

I should be grateful if you would convey the above message to all Ranks of the Royal Marine Police.

Commandant General, Royal Marines."

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"28th September, 1949.

On behalf of all ranks of the Royal Marine Police I would like to thank you whole-heartedly for your very kind message to the Force on the occasion of the severance of its long connection with the Royal Marines. I have taken steps to promulgate your message to all ranks.

We will feel this parting of the ways very keenly, and to cease to wear the Globe and Laurel, which we have been so proud to do for over a quarter of a century, will be a matter of the deepest regret to all of us, and most of all to those of our company who have been brought up in the Royal Corps from boyhood.

There is no need to tell you how keenly, and with what pride, we have followed the great achievements of the Royal Marines in every theatre of operations throughout the late war. Some of us, of course, had the honour of serving with you during those strenuous days, and those who did not will be forgiven for having basked quite a lot in your reflected glory.

Our interest will be no less keen in the future, and as you say, the memory of our long and close association is preserved in the new badge of the Admiralty Constabulary, and we shall endeavour to maintain the high traditions connected with that well-loved symbol.

Chief Constable, Royal Marine Police."